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Applications for relief should be considered in regard to each case from the standpoint of the particular form in which assistance should be given, its duration, the payments which the mother should be required to make, and the steps which should be taken to require an adequate payment by the father.

Estimates: During the years 1918, 1917, 1916, 1915, and 1914 the number of illegitimate births that were notified in St. Pancras were 314, 275, 318, 256, and 230, respectively. Probably only a part of these would have applied for assistance. On the assumption that 100 cases came up for consideration in the first year of the scheme, and that 50 of them were dealt with through Leavesden or foster mothers, 22 by day nurseries only, 12 at a hostel, and 16 by subsidization, the cost might be estimated as follows (apart from initial equipment):

	Pounds per annum.
50 children at 18s. a week (the Leavesden figure).....	2,340
Annual cost of hostel for 12 mothers.....	1,000
Gross annual subsidy to the four day nurseries.....	1,265
16 mothers subsidized at 6s. a week.....	250
	4,855

If the women paid half the cost of the first two items, a sum of 1,670 pounds could be deducted, leaving an expenditure of 3,185 pounds. The deduction of a 50 per cent government grant (subject to approval) then leaves a total cost to the rates of about 1,600 pounds for the year.

The report concludes with the statement that a state system of mothers' pensions for all mothers, married or unmarried, who lack the support of a husband, and are in need, would greatly lessen the provision which the local council would be required to make along the lines indicated in the report. In other words, that the system of mothers' pensions is desirable.

DIVISION OF VENEREAL DISEASES, MARCH, 1920.

The accompanying table shows that during the month of March, 1920, 23,573 cases of venereal diseases were reported to the State boards of health by physicians, clinicians, hospital superintendents, etc., and that there were 9,260 new admissions to the clinics operating under the joint control of the United States Public Health Service and the State boards of health.

There were 26,395 doses of arsphenamine administered during the the month.

Six States have not submitted reports.

Venereal disease reports for March, 1920. Number of cases reported by the State boards of health, number of admissions to the venereal disease clinics operating under joint control of U. S. Public Health Service and State boards of health, and number of treatments of arsphenamine administered.

State.	Cases reported.				Admissions to clinics.				Arsphenamine treatments administered.
	Total cases.	Gonorrhea.	Syphilis.	Chan-croid.	Total admissions.	Gonorrhea.	Syphilis.	Chan-croid.	
Alabama.....	1,331	586	702	43	743	250	475	18	1,451
Arizona.....	26	24	2	.....	6	2	3	1	8
Arkansas.....	484	260	197	27	175	70	95	10	363
California.....	1,081	577	504	.....	359	155	201	3	2,086
Colorado.....	270	164	94	12	63	33	25	5	134
Connecticut ¹.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delaware.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	290	163	113	14	267	91	163	13	779
Georgia.....	820	448	368	4	343	168	145	30	796
Idaho ¹.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	2,917	1,350	1,503	64	433	225	197	11	1,798
Indiana.....	735	431	279	25	646	364	253	29	1,730
Iowa.....	302	211	85	6	104	54	46	4	401
Kansas.....	248	127	117	4	186	76	107	3	647
Kentucky.....	305	156	144	5	130	32	97	1	686
Louisiana.....	504	311	134	59	259	118	116	25	454
Maine ¹.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	443	204	207	32	196	116	66	14	290
Massachusetts.....	801	523	278	.....	746	322	423	1	2,574
Michigan.....	1,657	841	799	17	141	60	79	2	174
Minnesota.....	1,020	492	509	19	79	39	40	.....	704
Mississippi.....	329	159	146	24	168	67	89	12	208
Missouri.....	766	459	272	35	585	287	265	33	334
Montana.....	181	140	41	.....	27	6	21	.....	125
Nebraska.....	537	292	223	22	49	23	26	.....	294
New Hampshire.....	54	35	17	2	18	11	7	.....	118
New Jersey.....	584	244	322	18	239	125	110	4	481
New York ¹.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	41	34	6	1	6	5	1	.....	1
North Carolina.....	594	371	192	31	209	97	98	14	505
North Dakota.....	83	62	19	2	8	3	5	.....	22
Ohio.....	982	445	499	38	418	217	184	17	2,012
Oklahoma.....	807	440	316	51	307	159	118	30	1,489
Oregon.....	70	57	12	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	127
Rhode Island ¹.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Carolina.....	1,141	560	495	86	658	309	286	63	1,540
South Dakota.....	127	90	33	4	14	12	2	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	713	412	276	25	333	153	162	18	736
Texas.....	1,371	681	617	73	706	312	345	49	1,093
Utah.....	194	150	44	.....	54	31	23	.....	116
Vermont.....	40	25	15	.....	10	3	7	.....	47
Virginia.....	447	215	204	28	422	195	200	27	928
Washington.....	368	272	89	7	24	12	12	.....	289
West Virginia.....	484	302	163	19	86	26	59	1	608
Wisconsin.....	354	249	94	11	39	19	20	.....	231
Wyoming.....	72	51	20	1	4	3	1	.....	16
Total.....	23,573	12,613	10,150	810	9,260	4,250	4,572	438	26,395

¹ Report not submitted.

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